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"Ritter's Hall."

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My dear sister Edith:—

I received a letter from ma this morning the first of she has wrote me since I came here, and she said you were sick from worrying about me being down here and that you were not going to come to Cleveland till I came home, now my dear dont say that for I may not return for several years, and I am geting along nicely in my studies, and why do you worry about me? Dear I want you to stop it immediatly for I am all right I guess, I am I will admit a long way from home and you tooty, but when you see me again I hope to be a accomplished young lady. for I intend and am studying hard.

I left Cleveland two weeks ago last night on the 8.30 train K. went with me to the depot, and I traveled all night and reached Cinncinata at 7.30 the next morning I had a

one hour wait and then took the 8^{30} train
for Chattanooga arrived there at 8^{30} that night
I stayed over night there and then took the
8^{30} train the next morning for Athens. I
went direct to the College and stayed and
school commenced the next Tuesday, Students
were coming all the time, I took, grammar,
arithmetic, german, & music. we are not all-
owed to take less than three or more than four
studies, I think I will drop grammar and
take ~~[illegible]~~ elocution, lessons of Prof Beak. he
is fine and wants me to take it he says I
would be fine at it, he is Prof. at it.
perhaps you have heard of him for he is known
all ~~of~~ over, my music teacher is Prof Bartow
my mathmatic teacher is Prof Burk and each
different study in the College there is a Prof
for to teach it, there were 73 girls here last
year but so far there are 40 some. the College
is on the same grounds about half a minute
walk from Ritter's Hall where I board, there
is also Bennets " where ladies board but it
is higher board it and Hatfield Hall the
latter for gentleman and the Chapel is
all on the same grounds, we go to the
College just to recite our lessons and then we
come back to our Hall study room. we have to

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average an hour a day in work. but it is very little, we have to take turn about washing <u>our</u> own table dishes. there is 40 girls and six tables so I have to wash them about once a week for 10 girls. this is a mammoth large beautiful building and all the work is done by the girls of the College. cooking, & all, but I dont have to do any such work Mrs Chapman the matron or mistress of the Hall will not let me do any such work or never assign's me any. the hardest is to clean up the office & reception room, once a week on Saturday, I have a very nice and O', so pretty a room mate, she dont have much work either. Mrs Chapman and I take walks. We have to attend church four times on Sunday and every morning before we go to the College for our days work and Wed-night we attend Prayer Meeting, and we are not excused from one of these meetings unless we are sick and we are accompanied by Mrs C. to every one, we are never allowed to go any where unless accompanied by an <u>old</u> girl

or her self, I am geting to like it very much now but at firstt I thought I would die with grieving so much. There are so many gent students here, and greater part of them are studying to be ministers; and O, there is some handsome students;

I had a delightful trip in one way coming down here, I crossed one of the highest bridges in the U. S. and we had to have the lamps lit in the train all the way from Cinci to Chattanooga for we went through so many tunnels one was a mile long; I was in the Parlor Car from near Cinci to Chatta and I had everything on the train, books, papers, fruits, gum, & at 3 or 4 depots he got off and got me flowers. he was a friend of mine Mr Allen.

Mr Hines beged of me not to go he was all broke up over my having the last evening I spent in his company and I got him to believe I was really going he cried and I broke down to, he asked me if I die never to leave him. I would like to tell you

what else he said, Well Edith I can say
that I never want to part from a close a friend
again. he said he would go to Linnie that
night with me but that if he went that far
or even got on the train he would go the entire
distance with me. and he said the best
thing he could do would be after he seen me
get on the train & it pulling out of the depot
for him to leave the depot as quick as he
could for he could not stay there, and the
night I left Cleveland he was to come to the
Union Depot and K. & I went but no Chas
was to be seen and I cryed all that evening
before I left the house and after I got to the depot
and I didn't want to get on the train till I seen
him, but at the next depot Erie there was Chas I
was surprised to see him come walking up to my
car window with an outstreched hand the train
made a very short stop, so we bid a short adieu
(he understood me to say I was going to the Erie
depot and went there 2 hours before train time so
he could get to talk to me) as the train was start-
ing he pulled out his hankerchief and wiped the tears
from his eyes: we never unclasped hands till the

train was swiftly moving. after we got a good piece from the depot I looked out of the window back at him and he was going in the depot wiping his eyes. ~~he~~ the last words he said to me was I could expect to see him in about a month down here.

He told me the last eve we spent together that he would not remain in Cleve any longer than a month or two and he never would return till his Jennie did. I recieved a letter from him the other day he leaves Cleveland Oct 15 for down here he goes by the way of Cincinnati, Chattanooga, Jacksonville (Florida,) St Louis, Nashville, Macon, and I don't know where else he is going to ride his wheel. him and some other fellow. and he said he would be at liberty to stop as long as he chose to for their time was their own. the dear boy.

It cost over $40.00 to get me ready to come down here my fare was $18.00 How are you Edith? do you keep well? ask K. to send you a sample of my new dress & my two waists I got. Where is your St Louis fellow? give him my love. O, Edie I want to see you so bad, do you ever think of me, I am thinking of you every hour, and I remember you in my prayers, now dear if you don't stop worrying over me I shall be sick to. why have you not wrote me? I want you to write often, & soon for I am down here among strangers and I get so lonesome & sad & blue, Please excuse the writing & mistakes, for I am writing this in my study hour.

(write immediately) (.... K. ..) Your loving sister Jennie.